

Discussion Questions Regarding: Desirable Characteristics

1. What is the basis for what you consider a “good” person? List at least 3 qualities/characteristics based on personality and explain why.
 - A) For example, if you say someone who is honest, then why is honesty important?
2. What is the basis for what you consider a “bad” person? List at least 3 qualities/characteristics based on personality and explain why.
3. What would you say is your best quality?
4. What would you say is your worst quality?
5. What do you look for in a friend? List at least 3 qualities/characteristics based on personality and explain why.
6. What makes you dislike someone? List at least 3 qualities/characteristics based on personality and explain why.
7. What makes you a good friend?
8. What might make you a bad friend?
9. What qualities do you look for in a potential partner? (or what did you look for before you met your current partner? What is it that you are attracted to in your current partner? Why are you able to maintain your relationship?)
10. What qualities do all Japanese people seem to have?
 - A) What makes Japanese people unique?
 - B) How does someone have to act to be considered a “good” Japanese person?
11. Conversely, what are characteristics that you believe define the people of other nations?
12. Sometimes you will meet someone who has run into a “bad” person, and oftentimes, instead of blaming the person themselves, people that align themselves with that person will dismiss them saying “not all ____ people are like that”. Instead of simply dismissing them, what is one way you can work to change that person’s idea of that group of people?
 - A) For example, you meet someone who has encountered a “bad” Japanese person. Your first response is to say “not all Japanese people are like that” but the person you meet looks unconvinced. What is another way you can convince them that not all Japanese people are like that?